

**William Berkeley Lewis to Andrew Jackson, February 27, 1843, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson.
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class=MsoNormal>MAJOR WILLIAM B. LEWIS TO JACKSON.

Washington, February 27, 1843.

Dear Genl, Yours of the 14th Inst has been received. A few days before it came to hand the Senate passed a Bill directing that the fine imposed upon you by Judge Hall, should be refunded with interest. The Bill, before the vote was taken upon it, was amended by a motion from Mr. Graham, a whig Senator from N. Carolina, so as to make it more acceptable to your friends than the original Bill as introduced by Dr. Linn. It passed by a vote of 28 to 20 and was sent the same day to the Ho. Representatives, where it is believed it will also pass without much opposition. The truth is the whigs are getting sick of their opposition to its passage, and are disposed to let your friends have pretty much their own way about it. Should it pass the House, as I think it will, ¹ it seems to me that it will not be necessary for you to give yourself any further trouble about the matter. Your friends will take care to see that the whole subject be placed in a proper light before the country, both as regards yourself and your enemies, so that posterity may be able to judge fairly between you and Hall. This will be Mr. Kendalls province more particularly, but Mr. Blair says he will also take up the subject as soon as he can dispose of the mass of congressional matter which is now pressing upon his hands. . . .

¹ The bill was not passed by Congress till the next session, Feb. 14, 1844.